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RECREATION ADVISORY COMMISSION MEETING

November 12, 2003

I. **CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL** - A meeting of the Town of Palm Beach Recreation Advisory Commission was held on November 12, 2003, at the Recreation Center. The meeting was called to order by Mrs. Coniglio, Chairwoman, at 9:00 a.m. Commission members in attendance were Mrs. Agnello, Mr. Bone, Mr. Gross and Mr. Spaziani. Alternate members in attendance were Mr. Andrews, Mr. Coffield and Mr. Turchan. Commission members absent from the meeting were Mrs. Morris due to illness and Mr. Gavigan who was having car trouble. Staff members in attendance were Mr. Bitzer, Mr. Brown and Mrs. Walkowich

II. **APPROVAL OF AGENDA** - Mrs. Coniglio asked for a motion to approve the agenda. Mr. Spaziani made the motion to approve the agenda. Seconded by Mr. Bone, all were in favor.

III. **APPROVAL OF SEPTEMBER 10, 2003, MINUTES** - Mrs. Coniglio asked for a motion to approve the September 10, 2003, minutes. Mr. Coffield made the motion to approve the minutes. Seconded by Mr. Andrews, all were in favor.

IV. OLD BUSINESS

A. **Update on Phipps Tennis Facility Project** - Mr. Bitzer stated that the project was underway and was expected to be completed within the next couple of weeks. He stated that the addition of the fourth court has enabled us to add several new tennis teams. A men's senior team and two ladies senior teams which will start in January. Mr. Bitzer said that the Town had won two outstanding facility awards, one from the United States Tennis Association and one from the United States Tennis Court and Track Builders Association. He said that we will be planning a ceremony in January and will notify the commission members when a specific date has been set.

Mrs. Coniglio said, "I congratulate you, it was a facility that we were afraid would be under used only to find out that it is tremendously used." Mr. Coffield said, "Now they want two more." Mr. Bitzer said that two more courts are in the master plan for the Phipps facility but that at a recent council meeting, Mr. McDonald asked staff to obtain information for

renovating the Seaview Park Facility. It was felt that perhaps the Seaview Park Facility needed modernizing. Mr. Bitzer said that he would be in contact with the tennis court designer and would bring the information back to the Commission for their comments and suggestions.

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B. **Update on Public School Renovation** - Mr. Brown showed the commission the new plan for the renovation of the public school. He said that the plan had significantly changed from the plan presented last year.

The main changes are:

1. The parking lot has been moved to the south end of the property.
2. The main building along the west side of the baseball field has been significantly altered and widened to such a degree that it does not appear to allow for the existing dugout on the third base side of the field.
3. The building on the north side of the basketball court has been enlarged and now comes within 10 feet of the basketball court.
4. The covered play area has been moved to the south and east making it approximately 30 feet closer than any existing barrier in the outfield (although not within the 200 foot radius of the ballfield)

Mr. Brown said that the main concern now was how the facility was going to be fenced.

Mrs. Coniglio said that the School Board had continually assured us that the baseball field would not be compromised.

Mr. Bone said that it would be a violation of their promise if they were to put the fence on their property line. He said that he remembered Ms. Garrison saying that the School Board would make the perimeter fencing issue special because of the ball field and the joint use agreement. Mr. Bone said that they have to use the wall as the fence. He said that he felt that the Commission needed to go on record as saying that we oppose any fence that goes beyond the perimeter of the building, and just as importantly they need to be sure that the covered play area is not inside the fenced in area.

Mr. Bitzer said that he was concerned with safety and the wall of the building by the baseball field being used in lieu of a fence. He said that the baseball field may have to be shifted slightly for the safety of the children and to maintain the existing third base dugout.

Mrs. Coniglio stated that the Town Council as well as the Landmarks Commission was very clear that those security barriers need to be comfortable to the Town of Palm Beach without compromising any more green space. After further discussion, Mrs. Coniglio made the motion that:

1. That perimeter fencing should be done in such a way as to incorporate building walls as part of that security perimeter and that fencing should not be done on the property line so as to preserve open green space, the athletic field and the basket ball court.
2. That the covered play area should remain open and should not fall within the security fencing.

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3. That the baseball field, including the dugouts should be maintained as promised by the school board.
4. That the school board work with the Recreation Department to landscape the entrance way of the recreation facility, since it will be so dramatically changed by the construction of the new school.

Motion was seconded by Mr. Spaziani, all were in favor.

Mr. Bone asked Mrs. Coniglio to send a letter on behalf of the Commission to the School Board and architects addressing the Commission's concerns and reminding them of their promises, as well as the Town Council's direction that they work closely with recreation officials on this project.

VI. NEW BUSINESS - None

VII. ANY OTHER MATTERS - Mr. Bone said that he felt that the Commission should support the new dog park. He said that he felt that it was a wonderful idea and he would like to see the Town build the dog park. Mr. Bone made the motion that Commission support the Mayor in concept to creating a user friendly, safe, hospitable, clean and sanitary leash free dog park. After some discussion, the Commission decided that input should come from the residents who live in the immediate area of the proposed dog park. Mrs. Coniglio asked for a second. Motion died for lack of a second.

VIII. ADJOURNMENT - The meeting was adjourned at 10:30

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Record of Attendance 2003

<u>Regular Members</u>	1/15	3/12	5/14	9/10	11/12
Milissa Agnello	E	E	P	P	P
Bill Bone	E	E	P	E (illness)	P
Gail Coniglio	P	P	P	E (illness)	P
James Gavigan	P	P	P	P	E
Arthur Gross	P	P	P	P	P
Eileen Morris	E	P	P	E (illness)	E (illness)
Michael Spaziani	P	P	P	P	P
<u>Alternate Members</u>					
Michael Andrews			P	P	P
Timothy Coffield			P	P	P

Thomas Turchan				P	P
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LEGEND: P = Present

E = Excused

U = Unexcused

A = Absent Pending Classification as "Excused" or "Unexcused"

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Conflict of Interest Record 2003

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LEGEND: X = Conflict of Interest